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# **Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Notice of Revocation of a Technician Certification Program**

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Notice of Revocation of a  
Technician Certification Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).  
ACTION: Notice of revocation.

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**SUMMARY:** Through this action EPA is announcing the revocation of Refrigerant Certification Services (RCS) of Houston, Texas, previously approved to provide the technician certification exam in accordance with the regulations promulgated at 40 CFR part 82 subpart F. RCS was issued a letter of revocation on February 13, 1997, that included an explanation of the basis for EPA's decision.

This program has not complied with the requirements established for technician certification programs pursuant to section 608 of the Clean Air Act Amendments (the Act). In accordance with those requirements, all approved technician certification programs must provide the certification test and issue credentials consistent with the applicable requirements. Failure to comply with any of the requirements may result in revocation. RCS has been indicted for criminal actions directly related to the administration of the section 608 Technician Certification Program.

In accordance with 40 CFR 82.161(e), EPA revoked approval of RCS to offer the section 608 Technician Certification Program on February 13, 1997. RCS is no longer authorized to certify technicians or issue valid certification credentials.

The criminal indictment against RCS and the three related indictments against RCS representatives are based on information regarding administration of certification test and inappropriate issuance of credentials. Therefore, most technicians certified by RCS during the period that the program operated an EPA-approved program will remain certified in accordance with 40 CFR section 82.161(a). Technicians that were not properly certified by RCS and/or were issued credentials indicating that such certification did occur properly will be contacted by EPA. Technicians that comprise this subset either participated in testing events proctored by Herman E Brodzinski or were in contact with Mr. Brodzinski regarding the issuance of certification credentials. EPA would like to clarify that not every technician that participated in testing events administered by Mr. Brodzinski may be contacted by EPA. However, a group of approximately 100 technicians

that either participated in a testing event or requested the issuance of certification credentials from Mr. Brodzinski will be contacted regarding whether or not these individuals are properly certified.

DATE: Refrigerant Certification Services had their approval to offer a technician certification program revoked, effective February 13, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Stendebach, Program Implementation Branch, Stratospheric Protection Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation (6205-J), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, 202/233-9117. The Stratospheric Ozone Information Hotline at 1-800-296-1996 can also be contacted for further information.

Dated: February 13, 1997.  
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Director, Office Of Atmospheric Programs.

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